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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: PROCUREMENT OF SWITCHING EQUIPMENT

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1. COMATT SPOKE WITH ACTING MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS APARICIO ON MAY 30 CONCERNING NORTH ELECTRIC'S DESIRE PARTICIPATE IN SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS FOR TELEPHONE PLANTS. APARICIO SAID HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO DRAFT REPLY TO MR. SHEA'S LETTER (SEE REFTEL) BUT THAT HE INTENDED TO DO SO SOON. HE EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO REVERSE MINISTER RIVERA'S DECISION TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH OKI AND ITT BUT THAT UPON RIVERA'S RETURN FROM MEXICO, NORTH ELECTRIC'S REQUEST WOULD BE DRAWN TO HIS ATTENTION FOR CONSIDERATION. HE SAID THAT RIVERA WAS RECOVERING FROM HIS ILLNESS AND WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN AROUND JUNE 10. HE ADDED THAT NO FINAL DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE OKI AND ITT PROPOSALS WOULD BE MADE BEFORE THAT TIME. WHEN ASKED WHETHER A RETURN VISIT BY MR. SHEA OR ANOTHER NORTH OFFICIAL TO CALL UPON MINISTER RIVERA WOULD BE WORTH WHILE, HE REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, BUT HE ADDED THAT THE DATE OF THE MINISTER'S RETURN IS NOT YET FIRM.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFORM NORTH ELECTRIC OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. AMEMBASSY MANAGUA PLEASE TRY TO CONTACT MR. WILLIAM L. SHEA AT THE HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, AS WE UNDERSTOOD HE WOULD BE THERE THIS WEEK, AND INFORM HIM CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE.

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